

Franklin County Council July 24, 2007  
County Council meeting room @ 7:00 p.m.

Those present:

Carroll Lanning  
Brad Spurlock  
Hollie Sintz  
Kenneth Rosenberger  
Jeff Koch  
Martha Bergman

Elected officials:

Marlene Flaspohler  
Don Vonder Meulen  
Eric Roberts  
Thomas Wilson  
Rebecca Oglesby

Franklin County Auditor  
Carol L. Monroe

\*Donald "Butch" Williams opens meeting to with the Pledge of Allegiance and calls meeting to order

- I. Minutes (June 26, July 2, and July 10)
  - a. Carroll Lanning move to accept minutes
  - b. Brad Spurlock seconds the motion
  - c. Hollie Sintz – all in favor
- II. Family Connections 2008 Budget Request
  - a. Lynn Gough – we serve 121 families in your county. We are requesting \$2,500.00 out of your budget. We teach parenting, etc. This is not intervention, it is prevention. It costs (us) about \$1,000.00 per family.
  - b. Hollie Sintz – thanks for time
- III. Transfer of Funds **Resolution 2007-20**
  - a. Hollie Sintz – reads resolution
  - b. Carroll Lanning – move to accept resolution
  - c. Kenneth Rosenberger seconds the motion
  - d. Hollie Sintz – all in favor; motion carried
- IV. Loan to Government Bond Renovation **Resolution 2007-21**
  - a. Brad Spurlock motion to accept resolution
  - b. Jeff Koch seconds the motion
  - c. Hollie Sintz – all in favor
- V. New Hire in Extension office
  - a. Angie Riffle – we are hiring a secretary and would like to reduce the current salary (see attached)
  - b. Council agrees to make changes at next meeting
- VI. Amended Salary **Ordinance 2007-12**
  - a. Hollie Sintz – reads amendments
  - b. Carroll Lanning – move to accept ordinance
  - c. Brad Spurlock seconds the motion
  - d. Hollie Sintz – all in favor
- VII. Inter-local agreement between city of Lawrenceburg and Franklin County
  - a. Hollie Sintz – reads agreement
  - b. Carroll Lanning move to allow Donald "Butch" Williams to sign agreement
  - c. Kenneth Rosenberger – seconds the motion
  - d. Hollie Sintz – motion carried
- VIII. Commissioner Lawsuit-Payment of Attorney Fees for Don Vonder Meulen
  - a. Don Vonder Meulen – would like to know process of the claim I have submitted
  - b. Brad Spurlock – the way I read the Indiana Code you should have requested this in your civil suit
  - c. Don Vonder Meulen – I wasn't asking the court to order that, only to who was to sit in that chair. Reads email from Gene Stewart. As far as legality of payment, Gene has addressed that. Wanted to talk to you about what is fair. Review handout given to council (see attached).
  - d. Kenneth Rosenberger – I think you made a mistake. This has been going on since the mid '60's and there hasn't been a problem with it. I have talked to twenty-five tax payers and they do not want to pay your fees
  - e. Melvin Paul Allen – make that twenty-six!
  - f. Don Vonder Meulen – if the county would have made it very clear they wouldn't have paid any fees from the beginning. I submitted the claim when I found out Lou's (Linkel) fees were being paid. If you decide not to pay any legal fees I would agree with that.
  - g. Brad Spurlock – if you were sued right now as a County Commissioner and you loose I believe by law we have to pay *your* fees
  - h. Don Vonder Meulen - reads email from Charles Johnson-  
"The County could pay the legal fees for the Commissioner if those legal fees were incurred, in the opinion of the commissioners, by virtue of his/her office as an official of the County. The commissioners may employ an attorney to represent them in that capacity". It is basically a Commissioners call
  - i. Carroll Lanning – I would like to table this and bring it back when our president, Butch Williams is here. I would like to do a little more research on this.
  - j. Brad Spurlock – request that Gene (Stewart) be at the next meeting or Butch talk to him
  - k. Hollie Sintz – on the agenda for August 28 at 9:00 am
- IX. L.O.I.T.
  - a. Brad Spurlock – wants to know everyone's thought
  - b. Carroll Lanning – wants to think about it some more and do some more research
  - c. Brad Spurlock – would like to have an open forum

- d. Carroll Lanning – if you take one (tax) off it would go on the other
- X. Adjourn
  - a. Kenneth Rosenberger – move to adjourn
  - b. Jeff Koch – seconds the motion
  - c. Hollie Sintz – all in favor

Those also present:

Lynn Gough	Jud McMillin	Kim Vonder Meulen	Paul Allen
Angie Riffle	John Estridge, Whitewater Publications		

To be approved 08/28/07